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FACE-OFF Business tycoon Manny V. Pangilinan and environmental advocate Gina Lopez exchange sharp words on mining issues during the open forum of the Conference on Mining's Impact on the Philippine Economy and Ecology at the Hotel Intercontinental in Makati City on Friday. A visibly peeved Pangilinan takes his seat as Lopez asks for more time to answer him. MVP retorts: I didn't say that. Now, you're lying.

Yours, 'mines' and ours

Tupas asked to explain flip-flop on Sereno

By Gil C. Cabacungan

THE LEADERS of a party-list bloc in Congress yesterday deplored the prosecution's decision to rest its case against Chief Justice Renato Corona without hearing the testimony of an associate justice, even as lead prosecutor Rep. Niel Tupas Jr. rejected suggestions of a rift in their ranks.

Akbayan Rep. Walden Bello said Associate Justice Lourdes Sereno should have been given the opportunity to testify in Corona's impeachment trial at the Senate.

"The prosecution should not have assumed that Sereno would have followed the SC directive imposing confidentiality on internal SC discussions," Bello said in a text message.

Bayan Muna president Satur Ocampo said the circumstances leading to Tupas' "flip-flop" in pursuing Sereno as a witness were suspect considering

TUPAS A11

Enrile blasts BSP inaction on bank leak

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

SENATE PRESIDENT Juan Ponce Enrile has blasted the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for supposedly not bothering to investigate how a photocopy of Chief Justice Renato Corona's signature cards from a private bank ended up in the hands of prosecutors in the Corona impeachment trial.

The prosecution team of the House of Representatives has accused Corona of non-disclosure of millions of pesos of bank deposits in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN), as required by law.

ENRILE A11



CHANCE IN DILIMAN University of the Philippines students in Diliman voted Gabriel "Heart" Diño (second from right) as the first transgender chair of the university student council. Diño and USC councilor winner Pat Bringas (right) are members of UP Babaylan, the "first and largest" LGBT students' organization in the Philippines. The photo was taken during the Gay Pride march in UP Diliman in June last year.

Transgender heads UP student body

By Julie M. Aurelio

MARKING a new milestone, students of the premier University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, elected their first openly transgender chair of the university student council (USC).

In elections concluded Thursday night, Heart Diño bested three other candidates, including independent candidate Martin Loon of the UP College of Law and Amando Mehol III of the militant Stand UP coalition.

Born Gabriel Paolo Diño, 22-year-old Heart recently completed a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, magna cum laude, and is currently an MS Applied Mathe-

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Glossary of LGBT terms / A11

MVP: Mining is not the enemy, poverty is

By Doris C. Dumlao and Kristine L. Alave

THE PHILIPPINES can't live without mining which could be its big ticket out of poverty if done in a responsible way, industry leaders said at the much-awaited mining forum yesterday.

The face-off did turn out to be as explosive as promised, with mining proponents clashing with environmentalists at the jam-packed forum.

"In the end, it should be mining that significantly contributes to economic growth in a manner that mitigates impact on environment and improves the lives of people, or [there should be] no mining at all," said the Mines & Geosciences Bureau Director Leo Jasareno, setting the tone for the forum that was jointly organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Financial Executives of the Philippines and the Management Association of the Philippines.

Mining advocates, led by Philex Mining chair Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chamber of Mines director Gerard Brimo and Wallace Business Forum's Peter Wallace, pointed out that responsible mining was the way to go although the government must al-

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P-Noy sees economic takeoff as stocks hit new record high / A4

'More interesting than impeachment trial'

By Riza T. Olchondra

ENVIRONMENTALISTS think mining is irresponsible, the industry says it brings development, and never the twain shall meet.

Nowhere was this more evident than at the mining conference yesterday in which the two sides could not agree on whether responsible mining was possible and whether there are viable alternatives to it.

In an island-ecosystem such as the Philippines, "whether

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Metal recycling alternative to mining / A8



It's official: Pagasa says summer is here

By Kristine L. Alave

THE HEAT is on.

And so are the trendiest beach outfits for bodies that want to look cool when temperatures rise.

Summer is officially here and it comes a little early than usual this year.

"It's anomalous this year. We can say it's time to go to the beach," said Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) forecaster Jun Galang, noting that the temper-

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Gov't defends abstention in UN vote on Syria

By Tina G. Santos

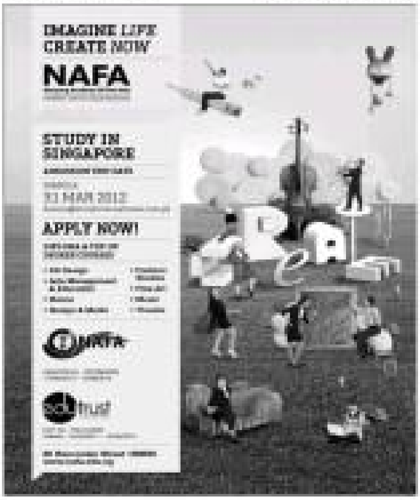
FEARING reprisals against Filipino workers, the Philippine government abstained from voting on a United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council resolution deploring the "brutal actions of the Syrian regime" and reiterating the need to urgently address humanitarian needs, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Under attack

Alert level 4

Pinoy peacekeepers return

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan



INVITATION TO JOMA

Yield and join polls, P-Noy tells Reds







Clark wall collapses; 4 killed, 4 hurt

Firefighters don't just fight fires–BFP



P-Noy sees economic takeoff as stocks hit new record high

By Norman Bordadora



LIGHTS ON

Cure for sick man of Asia

Expecting credit upgrade

To electrify 36K sitios

Primary source of electricity

Yours, 'mines' and ours; 'mining is not the enemy, poverty is'



MINING GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE



CHARM OFFENSIVE Chamber of Mines president Philip Romualdez answers question after question during the open forum.

Solution is to control

Very strict parameters

Industry not perfect

Gov't for mining

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Metal recycling pushed as alternative to mining



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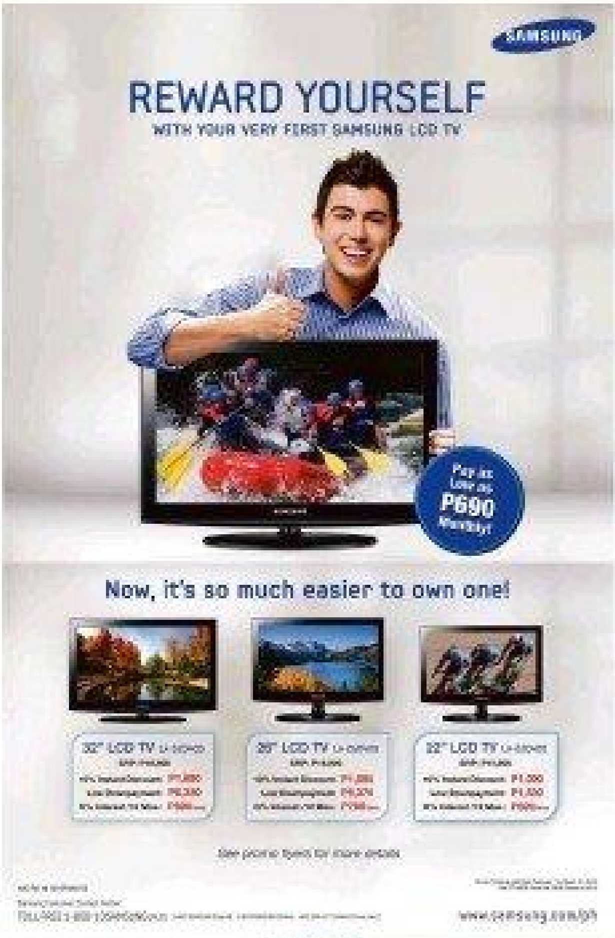
TUNNELS dug by pocket miners in Benguet

Debunking fears



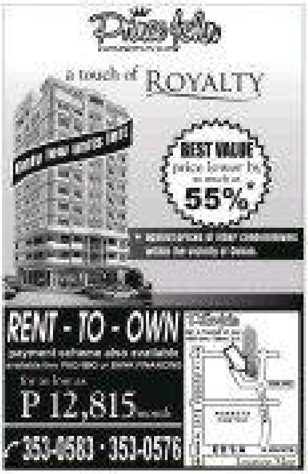


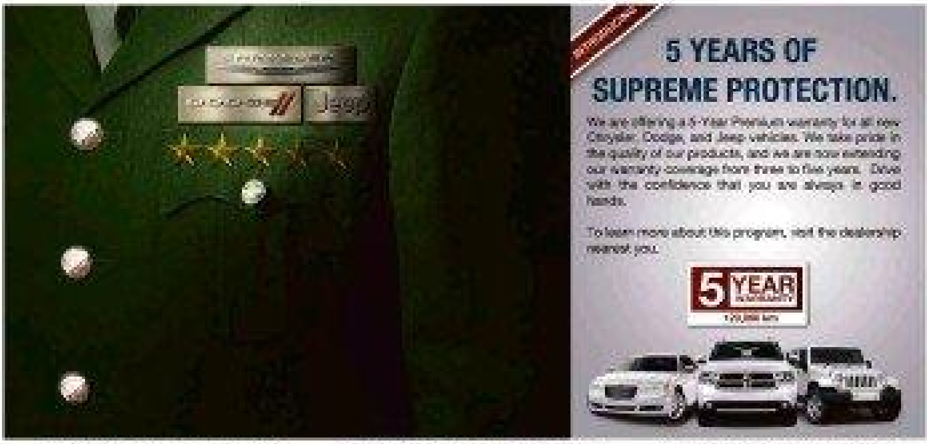
Pasay judge to hear GMA petition for bail



Correction







Across the NATION

Davao del Sur gov endorses SMI mining project in Tampakan

EMB fines firm extracting black sand

DAGUPAN CITY—The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) has ordered the company involved in magnetite or black sand extraction along the shorelines of Lingayen Gulf to pay a P50,000 fine for operating without an environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

Environmentally critical

Radioman survives gun attack

Cohost



Coast Guard, fishermen find dead whale a weighty problem

Manila recruiters eye Clark as departure area for OFWs

Ormoc mayor stops ind'l estate from extracting water

INQUIRER Visayas

Center keeps N. Samar's glorious past

By Vicente S. Labro
Catarman, Northern Samar

DESCRIBING it as the best way for the youth to appreciate Northern Samar's glorious past, the provincial government is putting up an exhibit on its rich history and culture.

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Battle of Catubig

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THE HISTORIC Church of St. Joseph in Catubig, Northern Samar.

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Sumoroy Rebellion

[illegible]

Own story

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Hard times longer for quake victims

By Cris Evert B. Lato, Guihulngan City

WHENEVER a truckload of relief packs pulls over the narrow street of Sitio Lorenzo 1 in Barangay Poblacion, couple Edgar and Corazon Abrio drop whatever they are doing and run fast to make it to the line.

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Young volunteer

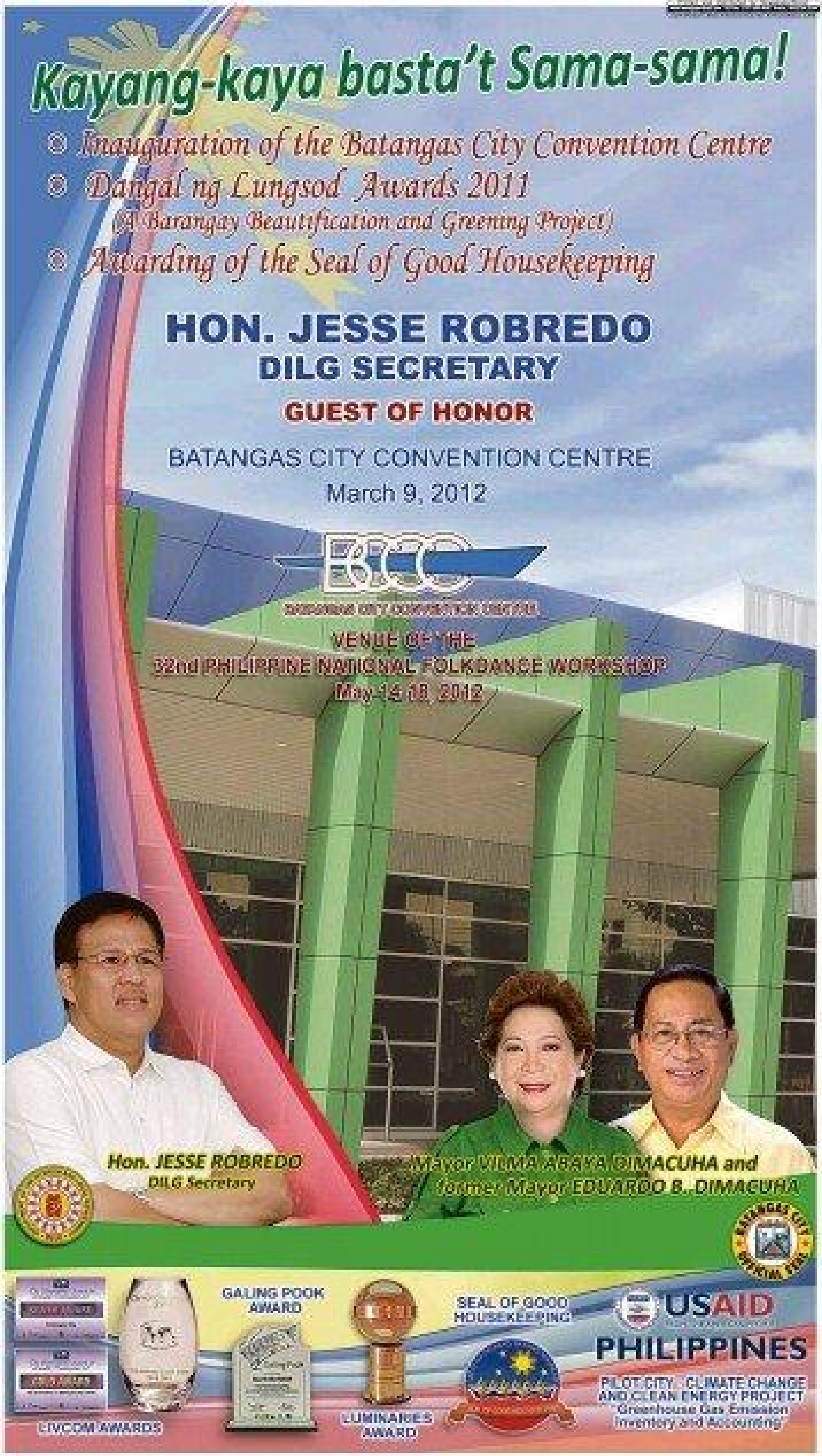
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School woes

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CASIANA ABRIO shows the improvised tent where she, her husband and their seven children live in Sitio Lorenzo, Barangay Poblacion, Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental.


Kayang-kaya basta't Sama-sama!
Inauguration of the Batangas City Convention Centre
Dangal ng Lungsod Awards 2011
(A Barangay Beautification and Greening Project)
Awarding of the Seal of Good Housekeeping
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Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory and Accounting
LIVCOM AWARDS
LUMINARIES AWARD

Transgender heads UP student body

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'Historic moment'



HEART DINO



PAT BRINGAS

'Just be myself'

'Brighter gem'



THE GRADUATE The UP Oblation wears a "sablay," a long scarf with "alibata" printed on it that UP students wear during the graduation ceremony.

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Hottest days in May



SEARING HEAT A member of the Presidential Security Group collapses due to the heat during the 26th anniversary of PSG at the parade grounds of Malacañang Park in Manila on Thursday.

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Enforcement first

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Juan L. Mercado



No Plan B to fall on

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Solita Collas-Monsod



Disagreement and freedom

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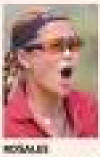
Cristy accuses 2 Azkals of sexual harassment





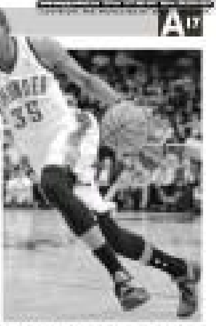
WORLD LADIES

Rosales 3 off after a 69


ROSALES

San Beda 'NC' overall champ

Durant, James fan teams' win streaks



PSA honors year's best

Donaire, Orcollo share spotlight as top athletes



DONAIRE: Three-time world champion



ORCOLLO: World No. 1

NSAs eyeing Olympic slots will get priority–PSC

By Marc Anthony Reyes

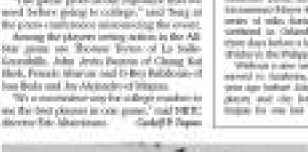
SeaOil NBTC All-Star game set tomorrow

All the Kings' men did not include MVP

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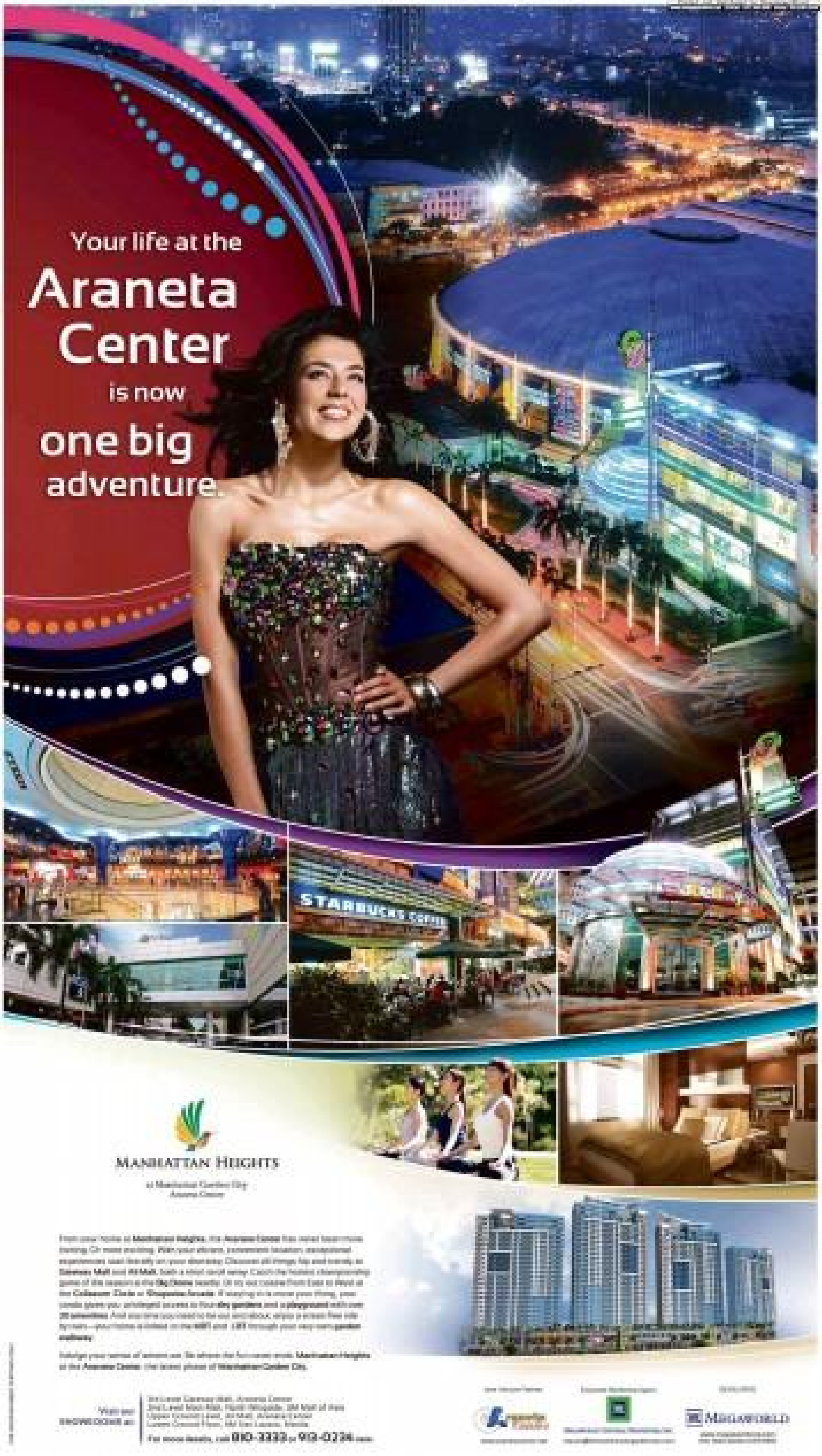
Federer, Murray book semis berths in Dubai



MBC Seasports fest gets going this month

Barredo rules badminton tilt, books Palaro slot

By Marc Anthony Reyes


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2nd witness breaks hazing secrecy

White balloons carry cries for justice at victim's Isabela burial today

ANOTHER fraternity neophyte who underwent the hazing rites that killed San Beda law freshman Marvin Reglos last month met with Justice Secretary Leila de Lima yesterday, expressing a willingness to help in the investigation centering on the members of the Lambda Rho Beta (LRB) fraternity.

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Witness protection

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Grandma sleepless

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Manila, QC robberies: Snack first, holdup later

MetroBriefs

Summer's here: 2 jailed for stealing watermelons from boss

Child rape suspect dies after tasting Binondo mob's fury



'Failed' bank burglar got in, out thru roof

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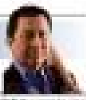
Naia cracks down on abusive cabbies



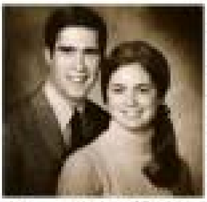
Iggy and Mike

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



Romney posts sizable lead over Santorum across the US



N. Korea threatens South despite accord with US

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US defendants leave Egypt amid acrimony

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Protesters block Maldives president from address

New York Times News Service

Australian PM axes rival's supporter from ministry

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziganay

Syria forces rout rebels in stronghold

BEIRUT—The Syrian Army overwhelmed the main rebel stronghold in the embattled city of Homs on Thursday, setting the stage for its elite soldiers to turn their attention—and superior firepower—to other insurgent redoubts farther north, despite the increasing international pressure for a ceasefire and humanitarian access.





CHARDON High School shooter TJ Lane posing on his Facebook page.

Teen charged in killing of 3 at Ohio school

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SM heiress stands out on Forbes Asia's A-list



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PSE reports net foreign buying to the tune of ₱22.7B

THE LOCAL stock market has attracted droves of foreign investors in the first two months, driving values higher and lifting the main index to unprecedented heights.

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INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

42.685



STOCK MARKET

77.69



PSEi marks record close

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Tech firm ventures into tourism

IP E-Games acquires 25-percent stake in CEZA resort

By Doris C. Dumlao

ONLINE gaming firm IP E-Games Ventures Inc. has forayed into the tourism business with the acquisition of a 25-percent stake in Cosmos [illegible] Resorts Corp., a hotel and resort firm in Cagayan Special Economic Zone.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange on Friday, IP E-Games said its board had approved the acquisition of the [illegible] stake in Cosmos.

"This is in line with the company's change in primary purpose to allow activities of hotel, resorts and gaming," the company said.

IP E-Games — a unit of IP Ventures Inc., led by technology entrepreneur Enrique Gonzalez — sees tourism becoming a major growth driver of the Philippine economy as the government steps up its tourism campaign slogan "It's more fun in the Philippines."

"The company hopes to undertake projects in this area as part of its mandate to invest in growth sectors of the economy," the disclosure said, noting that the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corp.'s Entertainment City along with improvements in airport infrastructure, would boost tourist arrivals in the country.

IP E-Games' sister company, IP Converge Data Center Inc., also has a joint venture in CEZA operating data centers and [illegible].

The company said it is expected to "substantially improve its financials from the acquisition."

"The company's initiative in this sector should translate to accelerated growth in revenues and earnings," the disclosure said.

AEV income clipped by lower prices

By Doris C. Dumlao

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures Inc. posted a 1 percent decline in its 2011 net profit to P21.2 billion due to the lower selling prices and [illegible] generation recorded by its flagship power business.

Excluding non-recurring items, AEV's core earnings last year amounted to P20.8 billion, 3 percent lower than the previous year's, the company disclosed to the Philippine Stock Exchange.

These results translate to P3.84 in earnings per share for the Aboitiz family-led conglomerate. Power business continued to account for the lion's share of its income at 78 percent, followed by the banking and food units with income contributions of 16 percent and 6 percent, respectively.

"The strength of our power business lies in our diversified, complementary and competitive portfolio of generating assets. We have also been able to mitigate earnings volatility through our contracting strategy for our coal [illegible] management team, provides us with the [illegible] necessity to thrive in an ever-challenging environment with the onset of more competition, open access, and the full implementation of WESM (Wholesale Electricity Spot Market) nationwide," said AEV president Erramon Aboitiz.

Aboitiz reported that AEV's banking group had likewise performed very well in 2011.

"UnionBank's growth has been above industry averages while ensuring we are expanding our market share. CitySavings has aggressively pursued expansion in Luzon, confident that it will be able to replicate the success it has in the Visayas and Mindanao," Aboitiz said.

In the fourth quarter of 2011 alone, AEV's consolidated net income amounted to P5.1 billion, 2 percent higher year-on-year. Adjusting for non-recurring items, AEV closed the quarter with a 2 percent decline in core net income to P5.3 billion compared to a year ago.

AEV's full-year results included non-recurring items broken down as follows:

- a net loss of P323 million due to the revaluation of consolidated dollar-denominated loans and placements;
- a P268 million gain, given a power subsidiary's revenue adjustment that resulted from a favorable ruling by the industry regulator [illegible];
- a P162 million gain on an associate company in the power business [illegible];
- a P199 million gain arising from the reversal of an accrued expense relating to a power subsidiary's [illegible]; and
- a P80 million one-time fee relating to loan pre-termination.

Aboitiz Power Corp. ended 2011 with an income contribution of P16.5 billion versus last year's P19.1 billion. When adjusted for non-recurring items, the company recorded a 14 percent reduction in its earnings share to P16.1 billion.

The income contribution of AEV's banking units last year improved by 33 percent year-on-year to P3.4 billion. [illegible] ended the period with an earnings contribution of P929 million, up by 26 percent year-on-year.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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Aboitiz Power reported 14% profit drop in '11

But company officials expect to perform, earn better in '12

BSP to launch CSF for small traders

Foreign investors...



BSP seen to keep key rates unchanged

HSBC says current levels sufficient to boost growth



CENTER FOR TOURISM LAUNCHED

SSS earmarks P7B for lending to business, social agencies

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Entertainment City seen to exceed Vegas in gaming revenues

SM heiress

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Kids, parents fight childhood cancer





LECCIONES: "The battle against pediatric cancer is huge."

Great financial cost

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Improving

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Improve healing milieu

Coordinating commitment

Increase comfort

Try a little kindness and consideration for healing

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Rafael Castillo, M.D.



Usually the culprit

Advice

Respect for human dignity

Allowing rheumatoid arthritis patient to live healthy, normal life

CLUB BALAI ISABEL

Enchanting Taal experience for the summer

By Theresa S. Samaniego

THE SCORCHING heat and soaring temperatures may cause some tempers to flare. But for many Filipinos, these signal only one good thing: Summer is finally here.

SUMMER GETAWAY

As the month of March ushers in the hottest days of the year, a lot find themselves looking for that perfect getaway that will fit their fancy, hobbies and budget as well.

For those urbanites and young groups who have so little time to spare, or those who do not look forward to flights or boat rides can check out Club Balai Isabel in Talisay, Batangas—a resort that can be had for a mere two-hour drive from Manila.



CLUB Balai Isabel is a residential resort built right on the shores of the famed Taal Lake.

A residential resort development by Tedsco Asia Construction and Development Corp., Club Balai Isabel is built right on the shores of the famed Taal Lake.

Unique resort

According to Tedsco Asia president and chief executive officer (CEO) Nelson M. Torrible, what makes Club Balai Isabel a unique resort is simply its picturesque setting that guests can enjoy from the lake. The resort, by itself, is already an enthralling experience, he says. Also a come-on is the resort's proximity to the Taal Volcano.

Upon entry to the resort, guests are welcomed by lush greenery and vegetation as the resort is built around a century-old coconut and mango plantation, which Torrible claims is still be standing to date.

"When I started developing (Club Balai Isabel), I said to myself that I would only develop 30 percent of the land and leave the 70 percent untouched to preserve the trees and the natural condition and terrain of the area," he notes.



THE RESORT offers a number of amenities and facilities that guests can enjoy in.

Centerpiece

Torrible stresses that the centerpiece of Club Balai Isabel's development is nature.

"We would like people to appreciate nature. What we offer are not manicured lawns like other developments. Here, everything is free-flowing where people can appreciate fresh-looking trees and nature," he explains.

"We even have 150-year-old trees here and we don't want to destroy it. The natural terrain of the land is respected and we ensure that our waste don't go to the lake," he further says.

In fact, Club Balai Isabel is being touted as the perfect convention destination for environmental enthusiasts, who will be doubly glad to discover that the resort does its best to do its part in conserving and preserving nature.

Amenities, facilities

The 10-hectare Club Balai Isabel, however, is not just about greens and the lake as it also offers a number of options that would suit the active lifestyle of vacationers, given the number of amenities and facilities it has put up within the resort.

These amenities allow guests to also enjoy food served at the Terrace Café, take a refreshing dip in the pool, hang out in the clubhouse, enjoy more active pursuits such as kayaking and sailing, or take a boat ride and get a closer look at Taal Volcano's crater on horseback or on foot.

"We have a number of facilities and we offer different venue spaces. Our large guest capacity with over 200 rooms plus 12 function rooms makes it an ideal place for company activities and family gatherings," Torrible enumerates.

"The resort has three big pools, different food outlets, a spa and we also offer different activities like wellness seminars and detox programs," he adds.

And with a number of other outdoor activities, like beach volleyball, basketball, tennis and badminton available, guests are assured that they can always do something inside the resort.

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GROUND BREAKING OF UNIVERSITY TOWER P. NOVAL: THE 1ST STUDENT CONDOMINIUM DESIGNED WITH THE LUXURY OF A FIVE STAR HOTEL

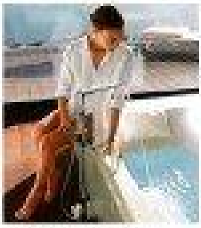
In time for the Chinese New Year celebration, Prince Jun Development Corporation launched its fourth University Tower which will be constructed at P.Noval St. in Manila. Present during the ground breaking are (from left) Domingo Roque Jr., Elizabeth Sunga, John David Roque, Rachel Roque, Kendrick Tan, Doris Tan and Elizabeth Roque. University Tower P.Noval, equipped with the luxury and sophistication of a five-star hotel, provides premium quality residence that makes safety, security and convenience as part of their priorities. For more information, contact Prince Jun Development Corp at tel. nos. 353-0576/353-0484/740-6821 or visit www.universitytowermla.com

Keeping our homes safe from fire this month

THE PHILIPPINES saw over 8,000 fires last year, a figure that resulted in over a hundred deaths and damages worth billions of pesos.

Condo buyers encounter more woes in PH





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Blued Batangas

Enchanting Taal experience for the summer



CLUB Balai Isabel is a residential resort built right on the shores of the famed Taal Lake.



GUESTS can enjoy staying in the family villas that are close to Taal Lake.



Editor: Cesar D. Manguerra

PROPERTY

Condo buyers encounter more woes in PH

Text and photos by Tessa R. Salazar

Second in a series

CONDOMINIUMS ARE no longer the exclusive domains of the moneyed. They have also become financially attainable by the working class. Consider the competitive prices of condominiums at P45,000 to P80,000 per square meter in the city, and one can understand how tempting it is to buy a place to live in and be literally a stone's throw away from the workplace.

However convenient condo living may be, buying a unit can be frustratingly difficult, as Inquirer Property started revealing last week, based on the experiences of actual buyers who recounted their buying "woes." This series started by airing the first three of the eight most-raised-about issues: condos with no parking slots, lost deposits and overseas Filipino workers taken advantage of.

Before proceeding to the next issues, let's expound a bit more on the overseas Filipinos' complaints, particularly on payment forfeiture. A disgruntled student buyer wrote Inquirer Property online, "As a result of us OFWs' 'absence,' paperwork does not matter to selling agents, so they do not help you out. They just forfeit your payments."

National Real Estate Association chair Alejandro S. Mallabo shed light on this issue. Most developers, he said, make "forfeitures their last resort. However, in most cases, this is not done without due process. Notices and reminders are sent with ample time/grace period for settlement before a final demand or notice of forfeiture is served (via registered mail)."

Mallabo stressed that the most important action to transactions like these would be to communicate with the developer and "never ignore" their notices.

"If they have valid reasons and are not in 'habitual default of their payments,' considerations and even restructuring of payments are accommodated. The problem is that some buyers ignore these letters and use the lame excuse that they are not receiving these notices (that is why it is very important to indicate the mailing address in the buyer's info sheet that they fill up because this will be the same address used for the contract. Also, make sure that in case they decide to use their local address here, the people residing in the local address are responsible enough to inform them about such notices. There are many cases where relatives do not inform the buyers that the account is already delinquent)," Mallabo said.

Veteran real estate broker and educator Evelyn Gan of Meridian said OFWs should seek out reliable salespersons and brokers (before buying). Gan said he always taught his students at Urban Institute that brokers and salespersons should always remember that the buyer is their principal, even if the commission fee they receive comes from the developer.

4 "Multiple ownership leads to manipulation of condominium units." A reader lamented that "Koreans, Chinese and Filipino politicians who own a number of units are renting out their units to 'balikbayans' for the duration of their vacation... Are they (unit owners) even paying income tax for renting out?"

Ambassador Baldwin J. Morella agreed with the observation. "Since foreign nationals are not allowed by Philippine law to own land, but allowed to own condominium units, these enterprising foreigners opt to buy several units for their investments. I am not sure, though, whether it will be easy for them to evade paying taxes as we now have stricter rules on taxation," Morella said.

Mallabo said, "I am not sure whether the reader is referring to the 'co-development/consolidation/'Build your Own' set-up where all the buyers are considered 'investors' or 'codevelopers.'"

He added, however, that it is true that "some units were sold to investors to be operated as condotels where the investors enjoy monthly returns through share, and long-term leasing of their units without personally managing it since it is being done by professional hotel operators, and there is ab-

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Find out if you really have what it takes to survive Z-day, thanks to Outbreak Manila



FIND out if you can outrun a zombie in Outbreak Manila

Running for your life

By [illegible]
Contributor

WE'VE all had that conversation over bottles of beer or after a marathon of The Walking Dead—discussions of strategies on how to survive the swarm of flesh-eating zombies populating the city.

Are you going to hide, do some long-range shooting then make a run for it, or simply give in and become one of the undead?

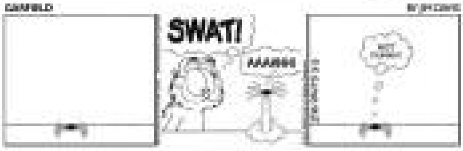
Outbreak Manila dares you to find out if you can really survive a zombie apocalypse... up to five kilometers, that is. The event is essentially a fun run, except there are zombies [illegible] in Outbreak Manila's case, your health (lugs), and the 5K leg comes with obstacle courses as well as path choices à la Choose Your Own Adventure, e.g. take a longer path with less zombies or run through a shortcut with a horde of zombies waiting. Prizes await the last human standing.

If you've boasted to your friends about your excellent survival skills, this is the time to put your money where your mouth is. Visit http://www.outbreakmanila.com to find out if you can outrun zombies and be the last human alive in the zombie apocalypse happening soon.



DO YOU have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse?

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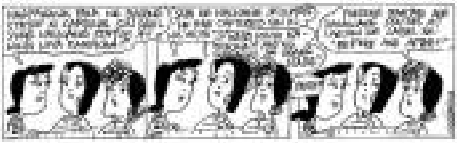


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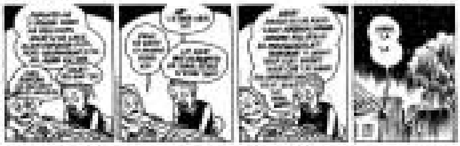
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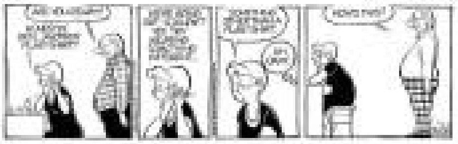


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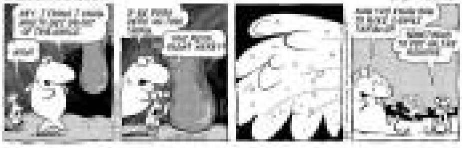
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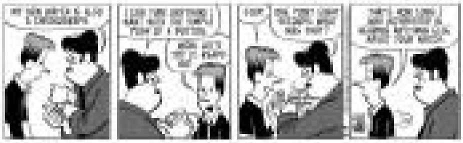
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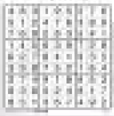
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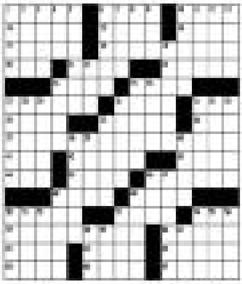
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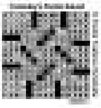
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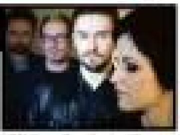


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Get a taste of the Cranberries in Manila



NOEL Hogan, Fergal Lawler, Mike Hogan and Dolores O'Riordan

David Finch at Fully Booked

Get the chance to meet comic artist and writer David Finch as he visits Manila from March 11 to 13. Here's how



DAVID Finch

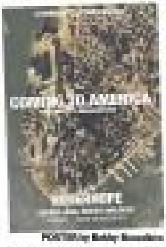




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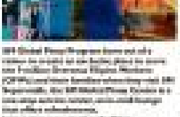


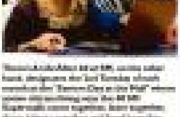
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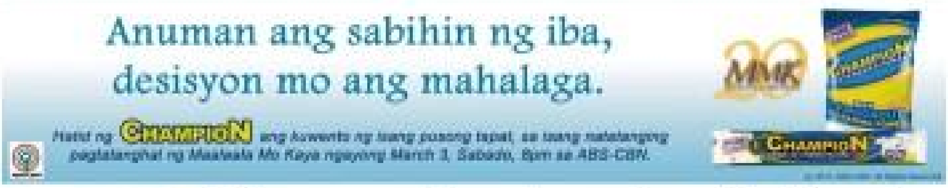








LifeStyle Travel



They raced hard—and partied harder



IRC CLASS boat heading toward Fortune Island

Club Punta Fuego held its 10th annual regatta, with racing fans flocking to the races amid uncooperative winds

By PJ Enriquez
Contributor

THE LAST quarter of the year marks the end of the sailing season in the Philippines, and time for the last regatta of the year.

For those not too familiar, a regatta is a series of races of boats, normally sailing vessels, though there have been races for engine-powered vessels.

Each regatta is tasked to navigate a certain course, following specific waypoints, using only the power of the wind and the skill of sailors to reach the finish line.

While 2010 proved to be the biggest, on record, in terms of the number of vessels participating, 2011 was not bad, with over 20 vessels of different sizes heading to the Marina at the Peninsula de Punta Fuego for the 10th rendition of the Punta Fuego Regatta. A great number of sailing fans and onlookers also showed up, lining the coastline with their long lens cameras and binoculars to catch a glimpse of their favorites.

Just like almost every year, wind was the major consideration for everybody, especially race organizer Jerry Rollin, who was seen early in the morning driving around the peninsula to determine the best location to start the race.

Given that a large majority of the dinghy class boats, like the Optimist, were competing in the SEA Games, only hobie catamarans and keelboats competed in this year's races.

The race started a little late, with the hobies leaving Club Punta Fuego's Lower Beach Club, while the keelboats took off from the Marina. Chasing the racers toward Fortune Island on a fast boat, I could clearly see through my 200mm Canon lens the crews hustling around the deck of the keelboats, working as a team, hoisting their spinnakers as they headed toward the waypoint at Terrazas de Punta Fuego.

The wind proved strong and true throughout most of the race, giving participants a fun and challenging day out at sea, and race organizers a positive outlook on what conditions may be the next day.

Former executive chef now general manager Mikel Arriet led the staff preparing a buffet for participants and guests. Highlights of the buffet, for me, were the Brazilian steak medallions cooked to perfection, and the ceviche-like appetizers served in small shot glasses.

Mid-race party

Of course, a visit to Club Punta Fuego would not be complete without trying its Black Ink Shrimp Tempura, an amazing twist given the Japanese classic using black squid ink. It comes with a special herbed mayo dip that provides a nice coating to the rough texture of the tempura. You definitely cannot eat just one.

The usual was a poolside again in the famous mid-race party overlooking Club Punta Fuego's infinity pool and Nasasi Cove. Amid the sounds of a live band, participants exchanged stories and experiences of the

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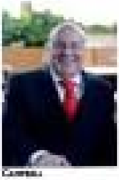


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Bohol is so cool this summer

By Erica Paredes

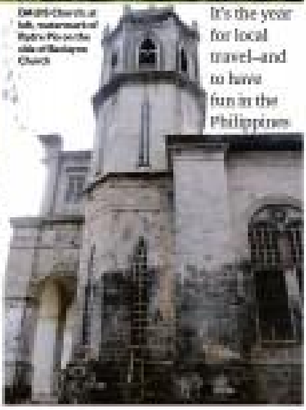
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GET INTERACTIVE at the Loboc River Cruise.





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They raced hard—and partied harder

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Nautical lifestyle exhibit in Pasay City

THE 4TH Sea-Expo, an annual nautical lifestyle exhibit, runs March 2-4 at One Esplanade, SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City. Headed by boat-builder Angelo Olondriz, Sea-Expo features both national and international manufacturers of boats, yachts, water sports gear and nautical lifestyle accessories. Also at the exhibit are booths showcasing boat parts, navigation systems, paddle works, surf boards, dive gear.

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THE MANOR at Camp John Hay

Luxurious retreat at the Cordillera

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Saturday Special



Basil Valdez comes full circle

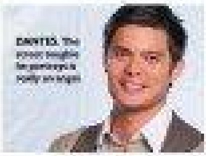


VALDEZ. Heady trip down memory lane

Perseverance

Exceptional scholars

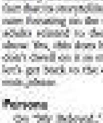
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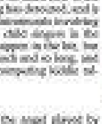


Persona



Streep equals Bergman's Oscar haul





STREEP AND BERGMAN.

Private life

Hard to top



Contradictions and consternations



By Nestor U. Torre

ON US TV, most of the hosts of show biz-oriented talk-variety shows aren't entertainers. They're media people who make it their business to cover the entertainment scene.

On local TV, this also used to be the case—Inday Badiday and Joe Quirino weren't performers, were they? But things have radically changed of late, as producers look for "star value," not only in the celebrities their shows feature, but also in their star-studded hosts.

The latest program to do this is "Showbiz Inside Report," which a cohost of its Janice de Belen, Joey Marquez, Carmina Villarroel and Ogie Diaz, celebrities one and all. Ogie may have started out as a movie scribe, but he's done his share of acting roles, as well. As for his three cohosts, Janice and Carmina began their careers as child performers, while Joey was a basketball player before he became a comedian on "[illegible] Lakas."


DE BELEN: Cohost, "Showbiz Inside Report."

Significant issue

While we understand why they've been tapped to do cohosting chores on the new weekend show, we should point out that US TV doesn't use stars as hosts due to the significant issue of conflict of interest involved.

Stars are stars and commentators are commentators, and never the twain should meet or mingle. [illegible], because it isn't [illegible], and [illegible] simply not right.

It's like a doctor taking out his own appendix, among other negative consequences and contradictions potentially involved.

Another relevant factor is the fact that, when stars host show biz-oriented programs, they lose their objectivity. Some of the stars they talk or tattle about are their friends, so they treat them with kid gloves—which is unfair to the other celebrities they tackle with greater objectivity—and negativity.

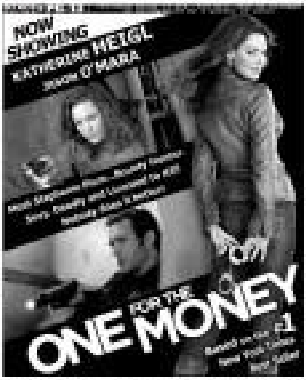
Star-hosts have too small [illegible]—both [illegible]—and some of them [illegible]. In addition, they turn out to be poor reporters, because they may know a lot of rumors on the set or at parties, but mum's the word on TV because they don't want to "hurt" the feelings of the personalities involved. —So, what are the viewers left with? Not much at all.

Star-hosts forget that their main obligation is to their show's viewers, who deserve

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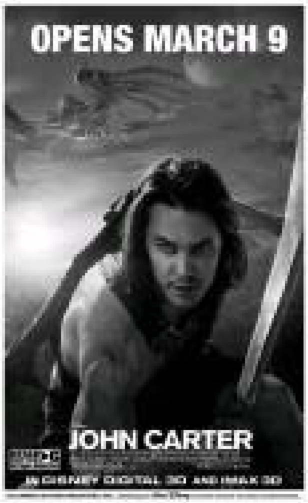




















More backstage quotes from Oscar winners

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales



LOS ANGELES—The winners being interviewed backstage at last Sunday's Academy Awards had to compete again . . . for the attention of journalists' eyes and ears.

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SPENCER: Thanks to Steven Spielberg

Contributions

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Drama in real life

By Nestor U. Torre

SHAKESPEARE SAID it first: All the world's a stage in which we are merely players.

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'Colorful' lines

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Michelle Williams pays loving tribute to Marilyn Monroe



By Rito P. Asilo

IF YOU love the movies and the legendary figures who helped shape them into an industry and global "spectator sport," you don't want to miss Simon Curtis' "My Week With Marilyn," not only because of its fascinating depiction of movie icons, but also for Michelle Williams' achingly luminous, Oscar-nominated portrayal of Marilyn Monroe. It's a career-defining turn that perpetuates the Blonde Bombshell's mystique and lasting appeal.

The film isn't a biopic—it is told from the perspective of Colin Clark (Eddie Redmayne), a 23-year-old production assistant who formed an unlikely bond with the then 30-year-old star when she went to England at the height of her popularity in 1956 to shoot "The Prince and the Showgirl," opposite actor/director Laurence Olivier (Kenneth Branagh).

As fate would have it, the young Englishman ended up escorting the painfully insecure screen siren when her husband, Arthur Miller (Dougray Scott), returned to the United States. Shortly after, Monroe read the plot of Miller's new play—which appeared to poke fun at her!

Dedication

Marilyn couldn't find solace on the set, either. In fact, Olivier could see only madness in Monroe's dedication to Method acting—and hated the presence of her acting coach, Paula Strasberg (Zoe Wanamaker), on the set. (Was there two directors here?).

The British thespian consistently hid his revulsion for Monroe by cruelly berating her in front of her costars, like Sybil Thorndike (Judi Dench) for him, "teaching Marilyn how to act is like teaching urdu to a badger!"

But, while it was true that Marilyn came to the set late and often forgot her lines, it was also as obvious to everybody that, as Vivien Leigh (Julia Ormond), Olivier's wife, aptly noted, "when she gets her lines right, you don't want to look at anybody else!"

Branagh, who was tapped for the role after the more appropriate Ralph Fiennes backed out to do "Coriolanus," is flawless but physically miscast.

Williams doesn't completely get the look—hers, it's a pretty close approximation. With her poignantly heartbreaking performance, the actress pulls off a high wire act that lifts Monroe's veil of mystery by finding the essence of the lost, scared girl hiding behind the movie star's sensual screen presence. She's a woman aware of her potent sex appeal, but clueless about her natural gifts as an actress.

But, the soul behind the sass and her thought when she wistfully intones, "Why do the people I love always leave me?" as soon as they realize I'm not Monroe, they run"—well, she breaks your heart!



HUMPHREYS AND MCCLUSKEY OF OMD. British New Wave sound.

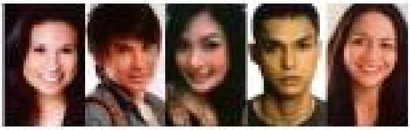
OMD at the Big Dome

On the concert scene, nostalgia also plays a significant role when the Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark (OMD) brings its "History of Modern" concert tour to the Araneta Coliseum on March 13 (call 911-5555). If you miss the synthpop sound of the '80s, listening to "If You Leave," "So In Love" and "Secret" will transport you back to that big-haired, bright-colored era.

The group may not ring a bell with the bulk of contemporary music's hip hop-weaned demographic—but, if you are partial to New Wave, watching the British group's concert is a must, because its music is up there with that churned out by Depeche Mode, Talking Heads, Psychedelic Furs, Gary Numan, Tears for Fears and The Eurythmics.

WILLIAMS. Rapturous evocation of the Blonde Bombshell

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MANGAHIS, LOZANO, LAGUARDIA, FALCON AND ABRAHAM. They're going places.

5 young talents seize the spotlight

By Nestor U. Torre

PEOPLE WHO bewail the lack of fresh and outstanding performers on the local performing scene should attend auditions for talents for new musical theater productions.

Just this month, we experienced a renewed burst of optimism as we listened to the a capella auditions of scores of singers, five of whom we're pleased to showcase here, in the hope of giving their career prospects a well-deserved boost.

Elvira Laguardia

Elvi has the whole package—looks, height, personality, charisma, good work ethic—to make it to the big time. Born in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, she now lives in Valenzuela City, and has performed in productions mounted by Gantimpala, Repertory Philippines, and the Valenzuela City Center for the Performing Arts.

In "Phantom of Laura," she played Laura; in "Beauty and the Beast," she was Belle; in "Mga Awit ng Aliwan," she was the Ilang Kabataan—talk about being trusted with key roles early in one's career! Obviously, Elvi's career prospects as a singer, dancer and actor are especially bright.

Mari Lozano

Mr. Lozano's showbiz profile is thriving, Marithas the looks, height and genes to make it (Albino Carmela is his mom). A TV actor, he's been in films like "When I Met You" and "Sa Ngalan ng Ama" (as the young Jericho Rosales), and on many TV shows, including his present stints on "Bagani," and "Ang Tò Kabaridoy." Not just a handsome face and hunky bod, he really wants to become a good, committed performer.

Astarte Abraham

Admit her Asti, so how can Astarte go wrong? On her own, she's trained herself to become an exceptional all-around talent—and she's interested in arts education for children, to boot.

She's been directed by estimable mentors, and has performed extensively abroad with the Kaneta Gogi ensemble. Obviously a committed and versatile talent, Astarte has played a wide variety of roles in productions like "Manila, The Musical" and "St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos."

Anthony Falcon

He's been mentored by the likes of Jose Estrella and Ana Valdez Lim, taken workshops with Sue Jamias, Michael Ampon and Non Ramos, and has performed in productions like "Twelfth Night," "Rosalie," and "The Gandhi"—so, he's clearly done his homework. Eh, he's got a perfect set of pearly teeth, just waiting for a toothpaste commercial!

Christine Joy Mangahis

Another well-trained, all-around talent, she's acted for GMA 7, Mike Productions, Gantimpala, a number of short films, and commercials, and will soon appear in an ABS-CBN primetime series—so, she's obviously going places.

Even better, her looks and talent are further enhanced by her commitment to keep learning and come up with increasingly improved performances as she gains more experience and exposure.... What more could producers and directors want?

'Ala-Ala' exhibit at Baguio Country Club

THE BAGUIO Country Club proudly presents "Ala-Ala," an exhibit of the pastel paintings of Atenolt Lincoln Dato, at the club's Session Duarte Wing from April 1 to 16. The guest of honor at the opening is BenCab, National Artist for Visual Arts. Call (074) 419-2058 for details.

The acclaimed artist, known for her beautiful paintings that feature rare Asian-inspired designs combined with images of women and people, is for the benefit of CHILD Foundation.

The Child Health to Life and Development (CHILD) Foundation was established in 2002 to support the patients of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) Department of Pediatrics in terms of medicines, medical supplies and equipment. It also provides continuing education for the professional advancement of medical practitioners and nurses. Every year, CHILD Foundation supports 7,000 indigent patients, or 800 patients in its care.





DATO' (inset), exhibit runs from April 1 to 16



VELOSO (LEFT) WITH "BOURNE LEGACY" DIRECTOR TONY GILROY. Photo contest.

Montage

Free treats from Sun Cellular

Ongoing until March 31, when you purchase any of Sun Cellular's affordable Sun Prepaid Bundles and present a Victory Liner ticket to the three participating terminals in Cubao, Pasay and Baguio City, you will get raffle coupons and instant Universal Robina food packs that you can enjoy onboard. You will also get a chance to win one of the 10 Sun Cellular phone kits and 10 Victory Liner gift certificates for two, up for grabs in the monthly draws.

'Martir sa Golgota' auditions

Manila Metro Theater will hold auditions for major and minor roles in the zarzuela, "Martir sa Golgota," at 4 p.m. on March 4 at Sta. Ana Arts Center, Plaza Hugo, Sta. Ana, Manila. Leo Velasco director. Call (0917) 871-0211 for details.

Fox International Channels fun run

The FIC Fun Run on March 25 at Bonifacio Global City has four race categories that include an all-society marathon to raise funds for NGOs. Participants may register for the Batch Fun Corridor Race, 5K Run, Marina Handicapped Run, 5K Nat Geo Wild Lifestyle and 10K Nat Geo Run for a Cause. Register online, by phone, or in any Fox stores (NGS and Runnerssss).

'Boardwalk Empire'

The second season of HBO's award-winning series, "Boardwalk Empire," kicks off at 10 p.m. on March 4, with two new episodes airing back-to-back each week.

Martin Scorsese's drama series is set in the 1920s, and chronicles the life and times of Enoch "Nucky" Thompson, the undisputed leader of Atlantic City who was equal parts politician and gangster.

Movies on TV

Today on HBO at 5:15 p.m., "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1." Tomorrow at 4:35 p.m., "Sanctum." March 5 at 9:30 a.m., "Dead Poets Society." March 6 at 3 p.m., "Hanna." March 7 at 8 a.m., "Mr. Holland's Opus." March 8 at 10:35 a.m., "Morning Glory." March 9 at 1:50 p.m., "Robin Hood."

On Cinemax today at 11:30 p.m., "The River Wild." Tomorrow at 6:30 a.m., "The Eleventh Hour." March 5 at 4 p.m., "To Catch A Thief." March 6 at 6:50 a.m., "Cool Intentions." March 7 at 9:05 a.m., "Love and A Bullet." March 8 at 5:35 p.m., "Wildlife Diamonds." March 9 at 5 p.m., "Bishop 17."

'America's Next Top Model'

The new season of "America's Next Top Model" starts telecasting on ETC at 8 p.m. on March 5. *Rito*

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let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it,
as I shall not pass this way again. – Anonymous

HORACIO "Boy" R. MORALES JR.

of Moncada, Tarlac

peacefully joined his Creator
on February 29, 2012 at the age of 68.

His loving family requests your prayers for his eternal rest.

His cremated remains are at Chapels 3 and 4,
Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Tuesday morning
at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

In loving memory
of our dear Papa,

Brig. Gen. Oscar M. Florendo, AFP

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March 1 - 4	=	Chapels 3 and 4, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City
March 5 (Monday)	=	Department of Agrarian Reform, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City
8:00am	=	Arrival
9:00am	=	Viewing
10:00am	=	Mass
11:00am	=	Necrological Service
March 6 (Tuesday)	=	Interment – Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City

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"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I feel no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."
Psalm 23:4

SOLEDAD RAMIREZ MACAPAGAL

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Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39